

*Celebration of Life Services*  
*For*  
DR. SAMUEL FRANK CLIFTON JR.

*Reported for Duty*  
*February 14, 1923*



*Final Promotion*  
*March 31, 2014*

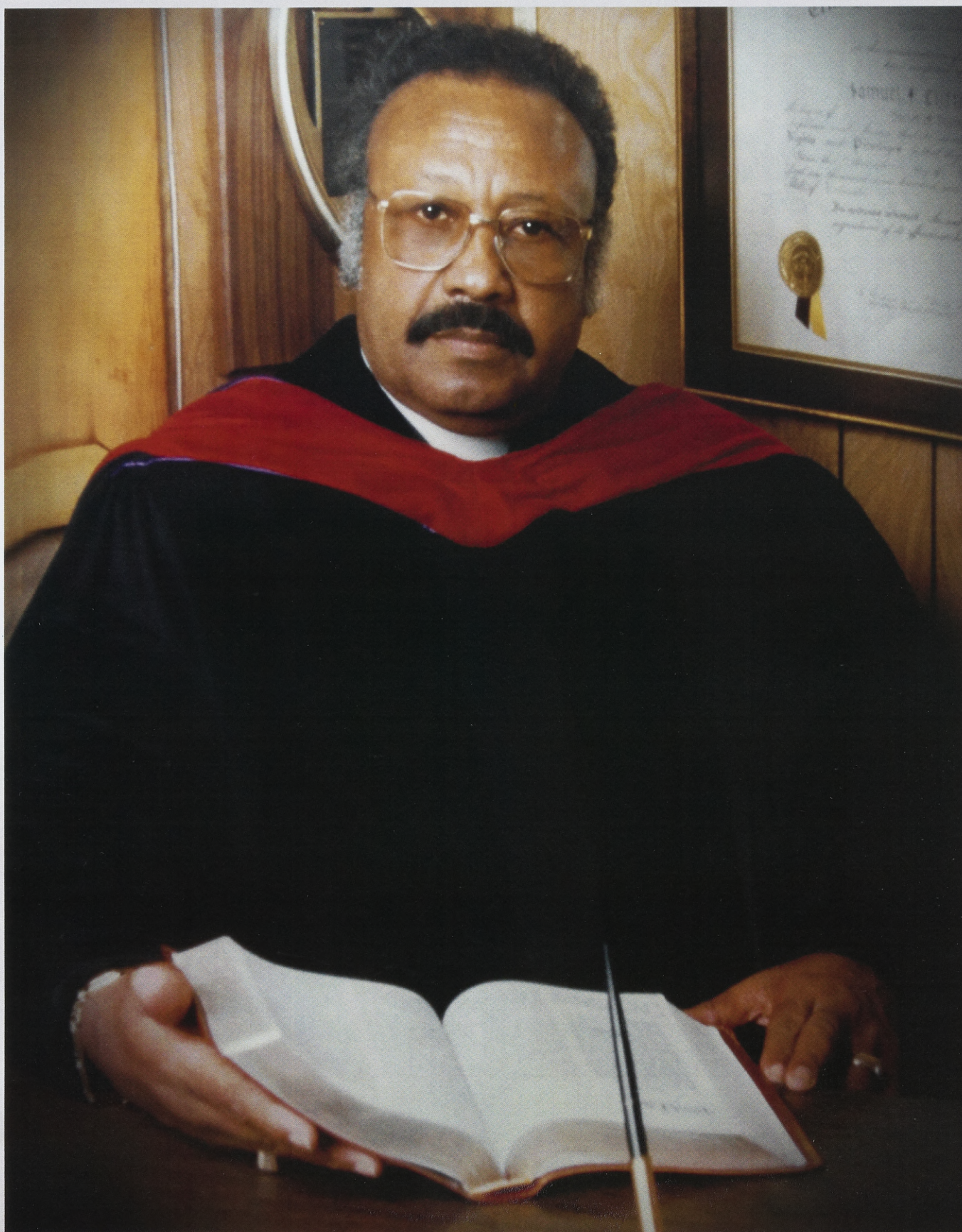
*"Let Brotherly Love Continue"*  
*Hebrews 13:1*

*Local Celebration*  
*Thursday April 10, 2014 • 7:00 PM*  
*Mingleton Temple*  
*Church of God In Christ*  
*1222 Market Street, Oakland, California*

*Jurisdictional Celebration*  
*Friday April 11, 2014 • 11:00 AM*  
*Glad Tidings*  
*Church Of God In Christ*  
*27689 Tyrrell Avenue, Hayward, California*

*Bishop Albert Galbraith, Jr., The Celebrant*  
*Prelate, Northern California First Jurisdiction*





*Dr. Samuel Frank Clifton, Jr.*



## *The Scroll of Life*

On February 14, 1923, in Carnell, Texas, Dr. Samuel Frank Clifton Jr. was welcomed into this world by his loving parents, Deacon Samuel Frank Clifton Sr. and Missionary Myrtle B. Clifton. Dr. Clifton, was the first of five children born to this union.

Deacon Clifton was well versed in the Holy Bible and an astute businessman. Missionary Clifton worked with the less fortunate in Beaumont, TX. Dr. Clifton was blessed to have parents who firmly believed in the Word of God and instilled high morals and ethics in their children. For many years, the Clifton's attended Bonham Street Church of God in Christ in Beaumont, TX.

Dr. Clifton attended Adam Elementary School and graduated from Charlton Pollard High School in Beaumont, TX in 1939. He enjoyed the vigor of attaining knowledge and his love for learning would continue throughout his life.

Upon receiving his draft notice, Dr. Clifton served his country as a member of the United States army and later was granted an honorable discharge, having earned the rank of corporal. He then returned to Beaumont where he met his wife to be, Alfreda C. Clifton (Perrodin). The two were married on June 6, 1943. Following the war, Dr. Clifton, along with his loving wife, moved west to Oakland, CA. When they arrived in California, Dr. Clifton was determined to find a church, a job, and establish a life for his wife and family. During these early years in Oakland, Dr. Clifton worked as a tailor, a plumber, and a cobbler. By 1944, he had begun working as a Longshoreman on the Waterfront. Later, he earned the position of "Walking Boss" for the Bay Area region, a position he held for many years. In addition to his respected appointment, he was a member of the Local 91 International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU). Not only was Dr. Clifton a giving man to his family,

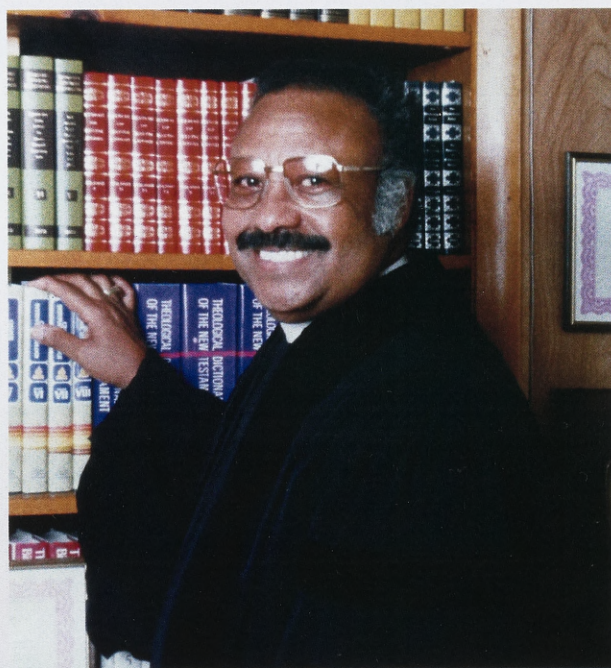
friends, and church, he was a true pioneer and builder. Having been blessed to own a car during the early 1940's, Dr. Clifton proudly drove Bishop Mason to important meetings, while other church members sat in the back seat planning the growth of the Northern California Jurisdiction. Dr. Clifton's home church was a mission lead by Pastor Mingleton. Dr. Clifton and his wife were boarders at the home of Pastor & Mother Mingleton. In 1947, the new church, named Mingleton Temple, was built on 529 Market Street. In 1953, the Nimitz Freeway (Interstate 880) was under construction and the church had to be relocated. Dr. Clifton, working with redevelopment agencies, found a location on 15<sup>th</sup> Street in Oakland, and

soon after, this became the home of Mingleton Temple C.O.C.I.C. To his surprise, in 1972, the church was forced to move due to community redevelopment. Dr. Clifton took a six month leave of absence from his job on the waterfront to help build and oversee the construction of the new Mingleton Temple C.O.G.I.C.

The new church, opened in 1972, was and is currently located on 1222 Market St. in Oakland. Dr. Clifton's goal, under the

leadership of Superintendent V. F. Devers, was to pay off the church mortgage in a timely manner. With God's guidance, by 1981 the church was able to accomplish that goal. Dr. Clifton would later faithfully serve on the Board of Trustees and was passionate in making sure that Mingleton Temple was the church that would save lives and lead souls to Christ. The love that Dr. Clifton had for Mingleton Temple C.O.G.I.C. was truly unprecedented.

Throughout his life, Dr. Clifton participated and faithfully worked with many Christian organizations, serving primarily in the roles of Secretary and Treasurer. Dr. Clifton loved being a part of these organizations and in his later years, when he was unable to drive himself,





someone was always willing to take him to a meeting or event, whether family or friend. These organizations included, but were not limited to: the Interdenominational Minister's Alliance, St. Luke's Society and the Northern California First Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ. Dr. Clifton was indeed a noted philanthropist. He never hesitated to donate to a cause and he took great pride in being a long time contributor to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. When he was lead by God to give, he asked no questions.

Dr. Clifton continued his educational journey, attending Bay City Bible School, and later Trinity College & Seminary in Los Angeles, CA. He received his Doctorial Degree in Divinity on November 8, 1986. He was very proud of the Bible Scholar he had become and enjoyed educating others on the Word of God and the dynamics of life.

Those who knew Dr. Clifton, knew that he loved to talk on the phone. It did not matter if a person was far or near, nor did it matter the time of day. Phone calls meant a great deal to him. When his health permitted in his last days as a patient at Kaiser Hospital, many were blessed by his words over the phone.

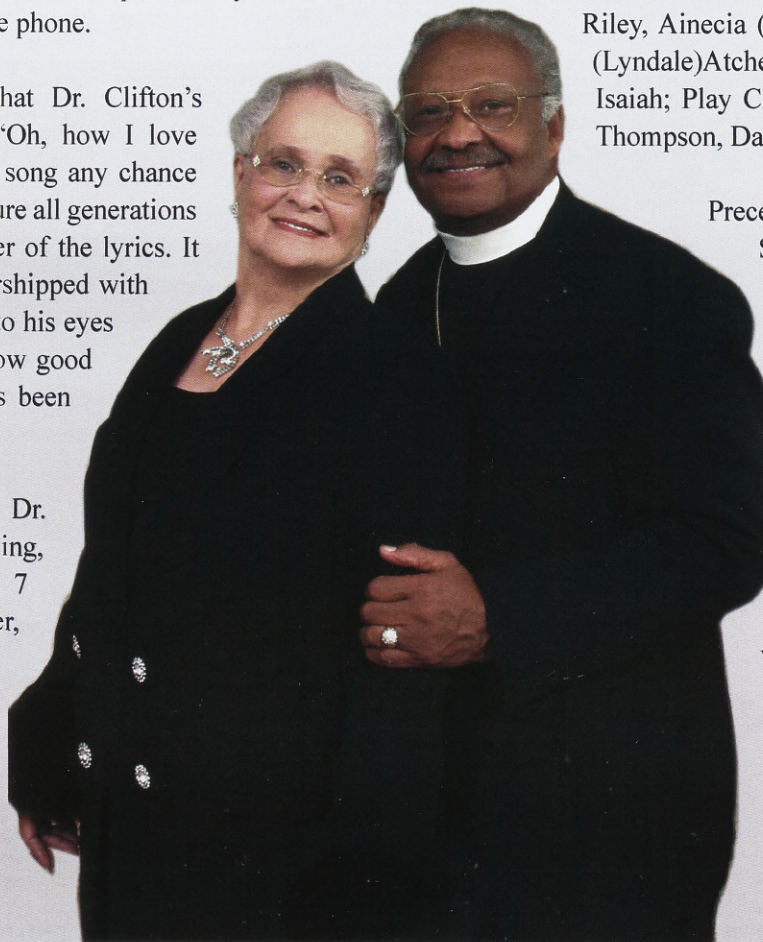
It was no secret that Dr. Clifton's favorite song was "Oh, how I love Jesus." He sang the song any chance he could and made sure all generations understood the power of the lyrics. It was the song he worshipped with and it brought tears to his eyes as he reflected on how good the Lord had always been to him.

Perhaps you heard Dr. Clifton's famous saying, "I have 1 wife and 7 bosses", however, it was his loving wife and seven children who inspired him to achieve greatness, which he did. This in turn allowed him

to uplift friends, church members, and anyone he came into contact with. He will be remembered as a true man of God who carried the love of God with him everywhere he went. His prayers and diligent work have and will impact generations to come.

Dr. Samuel Frank Clifton Jr. leaves with us his devoted wife, Mother Alfreda Clifton; Children: Joyce (Ralph) Melton, Carroll Fortson, Sondra (Erven Jr.) McSwain, Joel Sr. (Betty) Clifton, Samuel III (Camelliane) Clifton, Reginald (Felicia) Clifton, Trina (Roderick Sr.) Haynes; Grandchildren: Sonja Ramesar, Jamahl Melton, Errick Fortson, Derrick (Karen) Fortson, Mia (Stefano) Gasparoli, Monica McSwain, Erven McSwain III, Joel Clifton Jr., Brandon (Sarah) Clifton, Samuel Clifton IV, Lauren Clifton, Zechariah Clifton, Matthew Clifton, Alexandria Clifton, Avery Clifton, Malachi Clifton, Lyla Clifton, La'Vonnda Haynes, Roderick Haynes Jr.; Great Grandchildren: Taj, Devonte, Khyiana, Khyiera, Khyia, Cydney Jo, Tyrone, Samuel V, Lyric, Enavi, Jonas; Great-great grandchildren: Quinten, TaNijah, JaYana, Jason, A' Kiesha; Daughter in law: Anita Alexander; Godchildren: Felicia Moton, James (Pamela) Riley, Ainecia (Brandon) Ransburg, Portia (Lyndale)Atcherson, Kaja, Kaira, Jameson, Isaiah; Play Children : Lavada ( Ronald) Thompson, Danny (Sheryl)Thrower

Preceding in death was his father, Samuel Frank Clifton Sr.; Mother, Myrtle B. Clifton; Two sisters, Ruth Clifton and Seawillow Boudwin; Brother, Bishop Martin Jefferson Clifton Sr; Mother-in-Law, Louise Perrodin; Brother-in-Law, Alfred Perrodin; Brother and Sister-in-Laws, Ann Clifton, Veral Noland, Yvonne Adams; Grandson, Robert Odom; and Bestfriend, Jacob Perry Sr.





*Local Service for  
Dr. Samuel Frank Clifton, Jr.  
Thursday Service, April 10, 2014 6:00 pm  
Order of Service*

Invocation ..... *Elder James Clark*

READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Old Testament ..... *Clarence McElhaney*

New Testament..... *Clemon Riley*

Medley of Songs ..... *A Praise and Worship Celebration*

Expressions..... *Friends and Family (2 mins)*

The Clergy Representation..... *Pastor Ronald Thompson*  
*Prayer Tower*

Musical Selection..... *Ainecia Ransburg*

Reading of the Obituary..... *Silently*

Family Tribute

Musical Selection..... *Marsha Riley*

Acknowledgement of Cards/Telegrams..... *Scellerstene Felts*

Words of Comfort ..... *Bishop Michael B. Johnson*



*The Eulogistic Order*  
*Friday, April 11, 2014 • 11:00 am*  
*Bishop Albert Galbraith • Officiate*

*Superintendent Dr. Yahn Hunter*  
*Northern California First Jurisdiction, 3<sup>rd</sup> Administrative Assistant*  
*Celebration Facilitator*

VIEWING

*Beginning at 10:00 AM ~ Ending at 11:00 AM*

Musical Prelude ..... *Rev. Craig Brown*

PROCESSIONAL

*Bishop, Visiting Bishops,*  
*Administrative Assistants, Executive Board,*  
*State Officials, Superintendents, Elders & The Family*

Final Glimpse Until Glory ..... *Chapel of the Chimes*

Sealing of the Bier ..... *The Children*

PREPARATION FOR REST

*THE ADJUTANTS*

Prayer for Strength and Comfort..... *Supt. Jeremiah Richardson*  
*NCFJ 2<sup>nd</sup> Administrative Assistant*

READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Old Testament ..... *Pastor Edward Hall*  
New Testament..... *Pastor Ricky Currington*

Ministry of Music ..... *Medley of Favorite Songs*



## STATEMENTS OF TRIBUTE AND CONSOLATION

Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance .....	<i>Servant B. K. Woodson</i>
Jurisdictional Women's Department .....	<i>Mother Geraldine Campbell</i>
Pastors .....	<i>Pastor Jeffery Hunt Sr.</i>
Superintendents .....	<i>Superintendent E. G. Williams</i>
Executive Board .....	<i>Pastor Dennis Johnson</i>
Area Bishops .....	<i>Designee</i>
Tribute .....	<i>La'Vonnda Haynes</i>

## MUSICAL SELECTION

*Bertha Ford, Cousin*

## RESOLUTIONS

Mingleton Temple Church Of God In Christ .....	<i>Dr. Sandy Stevenson</i>
NCFJ Department of Women .....	<i>Mother Linda Stewart</i>
Northern California First Jurisdiction .....	<i>Superintendent P.D. Jefferson</i>
Acknowledgement of Cards/Telegrams .....	<i>Lady Lavada Thompsom</i>

## THE SCROLL OF LIFE

*Silent Reading*

Presentation of the Messenger .....	<i>Superintendent J. Q. Jones</i> <i>NCFJ 1<sup>st</sup> Administrative Assistant</i>
Sermonic Selection .....	<i>Lady Pamela Hunt</i>

## PROCLAMATION OF HOPE

*Bishop Albert Galbraith Jr.*

*Prelate, Northern California First Jurisdiction*

## MUSICAL RECESSIONAL



### *Active Pallbearers*

Superintendent Mark A. Clifton | Senior Pastor Tyrone Duckett  
Pastor Cornell Wheeler | Elder Edward E. Rogers  
Elder Jay E. Patterson | Elder Jerry Bean

### *For Dad*

You may have thought I didn't see, Or that I hadn't heard,  
Life lessons that you taught to me, But I got every word.  
Perhaps you thought I missed it all, And that we'd grow apart,  
But Dad, I picked up everything, It's written on my heart.  
Without you, Dad, I wouldn't be the person I am today;  
You built a strong foundation no one can take away.  
I've grown up with your values, and I'm very glad I did;  
So here's to you, dear father, From, your forever grateful child.

God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring, the faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity, the depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities, when there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete, and so, He called it... *Dad*

### *In Appreciation*

A Special "Thank You" to Bishop Albert Galbraith, the Northern California First Jurisdiction  
Presidium, Bishop Macklin and The Glad Tidings C.O.G.I.C., Tigist RN, Gerry Givens,  
Dr. S. Stevenson, Aline Lothlen and family, Alice Evans and family,  
Ms. Deanna Wilkins and family, Best Friend: Dr. Leon Harris and family,  
Monice Pernell (Niece), and those of you who visited and prayed for our family.

### *Thank You*

Perhaps you said a prayer, sang a lovely song, or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a flower, if so we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend would say.  
Perhaps you were not here at all, just thinking of us on this day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
We thank you so much ~ Whatever the part.

The Clifton Family

### *Arrangements and Interment Entrusted To*

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